FINDING 5: GEOGRAPHIC CONTINUITY OF OBSERVATIONS

Proposed False Claims Act Disclosure

The chronology documents recurring categories of aerial observations across multiple geographically separated locations during the reporting period. Although the primary observation site was Boone, North Carolina, similar categories of observations were documented during travel and at temporary observation locations in other states. These observations were recorded using the same general methodology described in the Scope and Methodology section and were preserved through contemporaneous field notes, photographs, videos, and supporting documentation.

Documented observation locations include, but are not limited to, Boone, North Carolina; Charleston, South Carolina; Tennessee; Arkansas; Oklahoma; Arizona; Nevada; and the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area. Interstate travel between these locations also produced documented aerial observations that were incorporated into the chronology.

The chronology documents multiple travel events during which observations recorded away from the primary observation location exhibited characteristics similar to those documented in Boone, North Carolina. These observations include recurring stationary observation points, recurring mobile aerial objects, conventional aircraft activity, unmanned aerial systems (drones), and associated environmental conditions. The chronology preserves these observations as documented without assigning a single mechanism or explanation for their occurrence.

Photographs, video recordings, contemporaneous field logs, and supporting documentary evidence accompany these geographically distributed observations throughout the chronology. Observations recorded during travel are presented using the same documentation standards as those recorded at the primary observation location to maintain consistency of methodology.

This finding summarizes the geographic distribution of documented observations during the investigation. It documents that similar categories of observations were recorded at multiple locations over time and preserves those observations for independent review. Questions regarding the interpretation, significance, or possible relationship between observations made at different locations are addressed separately within the Discussion section and are not resolved by this finding.